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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT'S NOTE ON IPATOV AND KAZAKOVA CASES

REF: MOSCOW 12391

1. EUR/SOV SEPT 9 GAVE SOVIET EMBASSY CONSUL POZHAROV A DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN REPLY TO THREE SOVIET EMBASSY NOTES URGING A SOVIET EMBASSY MEETING WITH BORIS IPATOV, FORMER JUNIOR OFFICER AT SOVIET EMBASSY KAMPALA WHO CAME TO THE UNITED STATES AS REFUGEE. DEPARTMENT'S NOTE STATED THAT IPATOV DOES NOT WISH TO MEET WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICERS AT THIS TIME. POZHAROV READ NOTE BUT OFFERED NO COMMENT.

2. FULL TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

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3. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF SOVIET EMBASSY NOTES NO. 40 OF AUGUST 3, 1977; NO. 44 OF AUGUST 18, 1977; AND NO. 46 OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1977, CONCERNING THE EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH MR. BORIS VLADIMIROVICH IPATOV.

4. QUOTE: MR. IPATOV HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY'S REQUEST, BUT HAS INDICATED HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO MEET WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AT THIS TIME. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT IMPEDING HIS CONTACTING OR VISITING THE SOVIET EMBASSY SHOULD HE WISH TO DO SO. BASED ON HIS REQUEST, HE HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES TO RESIDE PERMANENTLY OR AS LONG AS HE WISHES. HE IS NOT UNDER ARREST OR DETENTION, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT OBLIGATED BY THE US-USSR CONSULAR CONVENTION TO ARRANGE A CONSULAR INTERVIEW FOR THE SOVIET EMBASSY AGAINST HIS WISHES. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO FORWARD TO MR. IPATOV ANY CORRESPONDENCE AND WILL GUARANTEE ITS DELIVERY TO HIM.

5. QUOTE: WITH REFERENCE TO THE CASE OF MRS. NADEZHDA KAZAKOVA CITED IN THE SOVIET EMBASSY'S NOTES, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT AN AMERICAN CONSULAR MEETING WITH HER IS A PRECONDITION FOR A SOVIET CONSULAR MEETING WITH MR. IPATOV. THE DEPARTMENT IS, HOWEVER, CONCERNED THAT OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT FACILITATED A MEETING OF UNITED STATES CONSULAR OFFICERS AND MRS. KAZAKOVA TO DISCUSS CONSULAR BUSINESS. MRS. KAZAKOVA WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES, RESIDED IN THE UNITED STATES A NUMBER OF YEARS, HAS RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND IN 1974, AND IN 1975 AN INDIVIDUAL FITTING HER DESCRIPTION WAS DETAINED BY THE SOVIET MILITIA

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OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY AND PREVENTED FROM ENTERING THE EMBASSY. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT MRS. KAZAKOVA WILL BE PERMITTED TO CALL AT THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION OR THAT A UNITED STATES CONSULAR OFFICER WILL BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT HER.

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